

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: VECTRIS TELECOM, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-39 WRU-00-51-3430
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ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION AND GRANTING WAIVERS

(Issued October 3, 2000)

On July 6, 2000, Vectris Telecom, Inc. (Vectris), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide resold and facilities-based local telecommunications services of Iowa. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-39. According to its application, Vectris will initially provide private line data transmission services, but requests authority to provide the full range of local exchange and interexchange services to permit flexibility in the expansion of its service offerings. Tariffs are not required for the services described to be initially offered. According to its application, Vectris intends to offer service initially in the service area of Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc.

Additionally, Vectris requests waivers of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1). Also, Vectris requests the Board waive the dialing parity requirement of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(3). The waiver requests have been identified as Docket No. WRU-00-51-3430.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has reviewed Vectris' application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. The Board will therefore approve Vectris' application. Since Vectris does not intend to provide exchange services at this time, it does not need a certificate. Before Vectris provides exchange services in Iowa, it must file proposed tariffs and local exchange service and service area maps for approval by the Board.

Vectris requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts, stating it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Board will grant this waiver, since records kept in accordance with GAAP accounting are acceptable for a competitive local exchange carrier.

Vectris requested the Board waive 199 IAC 18.2. The Board will grant this waiver based upon the statement by Vectris that its records will be made available to the Board upon request.

Vectris requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1), requiring it to independently publish a directory. Vectris is unlikely to have sufficient customers to require it to publish a directory, so the Board will waive the rule. When Vectris

begins providing exchange services, it will have to make arrangements to have its customer listings published in the local directory.

The Board does not have the authority to waive 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(3). The Board finds though that the waiver is not necessary as long as Vectris is only providing private line data services. Before Vectris provides exchange services, it will have to agree to provide the full methodology for 2-PIC dialing parity.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Vectris Telecom, Inc., on July 6, 2000, is approved, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. Before Vectris Telecom, Inc., begins providing exchange services, it must either adopt the local exchange and service area maps of the incumbent local exchange carrier or file its own maps for the exchanges where it intends to provide exchange services.

3. Before Vectris Telecom, Inc., begins providing exchange services, it must file proposed tariffs with the Board indicating it is ready to provide local exchange service in Iowa and give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Vectris Telecom, Inc., to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

4. Before Vectris Telecom, Inc., begins providing exchange services, it must file a statement that it will provide a full 2-PIC dialing parity methodology.

5. The request for waivers of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1) are granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of October, 2000.